

and the revenue realized thereby are very small. It is therefore prayed that non-agriculturists in the malnad may be exempted from payment of seigniorage on fuel like the agriculturists.

Reply of Government.—(1) Under the rules jungle-wood may be felled for fuel free of seigniorage and therefore green wood is also included under it.

(2) The seigniorage in such cases will be reduced to half the present rate.

SUBJECT No. 199.

Reduction of fee on dead-wood.

Mr. Sahukar Doddamallanna, Sirataluk.

Summary of discussion.—A fee of six annas is now levied on a cart-load of dead-wood brought from State Forests. This is too high; it may be reduced to four annas.

Reply of Government.—Cannot be done.

SUBJECT No. 200.

Fuel to raiyats.

Messrs. Devana Siddaiya, Gurulingappa and Halappa, Honnali taluk.

Summary of discussion.—For want of fuel in several localities, cattle-dung is being used at present for fuel. As this deprives the agricultural lands of valuable manure, steps may be taken for the supply of fuel to raiyats at cheap rates. In Karadibetta Forest fuel required for boiling jaggory is allowed to be taken at 2 annas a cart-load. The same concession may be allowed in other State Forests in the Shikarpur taluk.

Reply of Government.—Seigniorage on fuel required for jaggory boiling will be reduced to 2 annas.

SUBJECT No. 201.

Free grant of timber to persons whose houses are destroyed by accidental fires.

(1) Mr. Nadig Siddappa, Honnali taluk.

(2) Messrs. Sangnabasappa, Shikarpur taluk, and Ramani Chanavirappa, Shikarpur Municipality.

Summary of discussion.—(1) Free grants of timber are now made to persons whose houses are destroyed by accidental fires. As thatched houses in rural parts are generally constructed of inflammable materials, facilities may be afforded for constructing tiled houses by supplying suitable timber and recovering the cost by instalments.

(2) Several people whose houses are destroyed by accidental fires persist in constructing only thatched houses although free grants of timber are made. Such houses being constructed of easily combustible materials again catch fire. It is desirable to insist in such cases on the construction of tiled houses, the required wood and tiles being granted and the cost recovered in ten annual instalments.

Reply of Government.—Loans may be obtained under the rules for rebuilding houses destroyed by fire. No compulsion can be exercised.

SUBJECT No. 202.

Bandari stalks to be granted free.

Mr. Sahukar Doddamallanna, Sirataluk.

Summary of discussion.—The bandari stalks are not used except for fencing. A fee is now levied for cutting them. This may be granted free from State Forests.

Reply of Government.—Cannot be done.